THURSDAY JANUARY 20, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT. TAKEN AT 7:35 A. M. JANUARY Wind. Weather. Fall.

49 s. W. Cloudy. 0.2 in 16 0 F. Cloudy. Cloudy. THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was mild, rainy, graight it was considerably cooler, Tomometer at the Disputch office

January 19, 1875.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY .- The probabilities satisfiell be partly cloudy, and cooler

LOCAL MATTERS.

Capitol Notes.

Stude Committee on Privileges and as had another meeting, with closed yesterday, and it is believed prepared port in the Knight-Johnson case. It conceded that a majority are in entinuing General Johnson in posfine seat, but whether this is so or ascertained from any official committee keep their own and those who have made to gain information have filed. Minority reports are Senate by courtesy, not by is matter it is almost certain s report will be made.

the committee complain e received insulting anonymous on the case. One of these lady's handwriting, but was or inspired by a man. deflett, who is a member of the has been absent from the city for He heard only a port on nt of the attorneys. In other th the sitting member and conbeen allowed to address the present their views, and it is that a different rule will not be tide of time.

olut committee on the tobacco laws ntly engaged revising the chapters bearing upon the subject como their charge. Yesterday they read sections from eighteen to forty-four No changes in inspectors' fees or use charges were made. Some obsoons were stricken out. The proviquiring hogsheads to be of a given omitted and a few verbal changes ther sections agreed upon. The main will be over the fifty-sixth section, - proposed to amend so as to allow shipped to foreign countries merely upon being branded "Virginia to-Judge Crump represents the city of and in this important committee. He in his attendance, and takes a deep in every matter pertaining to the

H. H. Stuart appeared in the erday and qualified. Nearly all bers during the day took opporo congra ulate him upon his return. ly that Mr. Stuart will be put upon committees. One chairman is unbe anxious to resign and give his

sy way business is conducted in the generally observed. Everything monthly, as, indeed, is the case in But in the House, while everyprivilege of speaking, nebody under any obligation to listen. tarely hopes, and never much exthe attention of many. In the the most eloquent orations the small members in whispered conversaand no off nce is taken. This is perior to the efforts of Speaker Hanger to erve strict order and silence.

The House Committee on Roads have greed to report Mr. Dooley's bill proposing State's interest in the Richmond shurg and Potomac railroad, but so moduled as to give the company the option of purchasing it within thirty days at its face ie in consols. If not so sold the plan is to expose it for sale to the highest bidder, provided the minimum price of sixty cents in

The report of the committee in the case of House yesterday to enable the minority of the committee to present their report and warm triends. His side of the question will be championed with zeal and ability.

THE VISITORS FROM BOSTON-THEIR RE CEPTION, &c.- The pilgrimage of the Richmond Knights Templar to Boston on the e remembered for many years to emmandery received and enteriprocate in the same style would well-righ futile. The visit of the south Knights, as well as the military, occasion has produced happy s, and now, as an evidence of the kindly ing existing on the part of the Bostonians of ten gentlemen and ladies, about one thousand persons. hmond to meet the Sir Knights d their triends and families) who visited ast year, in a quiet, unostentatious and transfer to them the souvenirs bring, accompanied by the kind the Massachusetts ladies for their Virginia. The party consists of ert White, Jr., (chairman,) and wife, ies W. Butlett (treasurer) and wife Henrit Francis L. Hies (secretary) and Colonel W. F. Baker and wife, Hon.

v. consisting of Sir Knights J. F. Gib-M. Marshall, M. P. Handy, George elley, and Post Eminent Commanders | That single san E. Tanner and William B. Isaacs, of mond Commandery, No. 2, Knights eft the city on the steamer William and ran down the river a short below Dutch Gap, where they fell a with the steamer Sylvester, having the Boson tisitors on board.

The party was greatly surprised at the unappearance of the Richmond comice, as they confidently expected to reach without their knowledge. The re-Richmond Commandery called upon them. This morning they will be driven around

DAILY DISPAICH.

RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 29, 1876. VOL. XLIX.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

THE CELEBRATION IN THIS CITY.

BY GOVERNOR KEMPER-ADDRESSES FROM MESSES. CHAMBERLAYNE AND KEILEY-COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONU-

The people of this city, anxious to do honor to the memory of General R. E. Lee and to celebrate his birthday in a proper ing. It was regarded as a hazardous under- unrivalled tenacity of resistance. But taking to have a public assemblage at the very busiest hour of the day, but owing to the fact Witness his bold transfer of his army from that many who wished to attend had bought seats for the performance of Othello, and lin's troops still rested on the James river. others had engagements with legislative committees, no better time could be fixed. The attendance was gratifying, and comprised judges of the Court of Appeals, members of the Legislature, distinguished ex-Confederates, citizens, and ladies. The hall was well filled. Had the weather been better it would have been packed. Governor crowning glory of his audacity, the change Kemper called the meeting to order, and of front to attack Hooker, and that march Rev. Dr. Minnigerede, pastor of St. Paul's church, where General Lee worshipped when in the city during the war, offered prayer. He knelt on the stage and begged the blessing of Almighty God on the people, and thanked Him for the precious memories and glorious examples Lee has left us.

Remarks of Governor Kemper. Governor Kemper, after the prayer of Rev.

Dr. Minnigerede, said: Ladies and Gentlemer,-You need not to be informed of the object which has brought this brilliant assemblage together. We all of our train the spoil of the enemy, who know that throughout a large portion of our southern country an example is being inaugurated to-day which will be observed with increasing interest by the generations to what strategy might have safely wor, who come. What we are doing this day, and what will be done annually in the observances of the future, will mark the 19th of January, and make it, like the 22d of February, one of the most illustrious days in the American colendar.

But it is not for me to encroach on the province of those who have been worthily chosen as orators of this occasion. It is for them, not for me, to recite the glorious memories inseparably associated with this day. It is for them to speak of the memorial which we propose to consecrate in bronze in honor of him who is here foremost in our thoughts-in honor of the unspotted career of him than whom a purer patriot, a larger, mightier, grander hero never lived in the The speaker who will now address you is

one who proved himself worthy to be a soldier in arms under the eye of Robert E. Lee. I have the honor and the pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, to present to you our gallant and eloquent friend, John Hampden Chamberlayne, of the city of Norfolk. Amid liberal applause the Governor resumed the chair, and Captain Chamberlayne

came forward. Address of Captain Chamberlayne. the history of Lee's early life; told the story so long as war shall be studied, and future fame of his father's fastest friend. And Captain Chamberlayne rapidly passed over resolution to offer his sword to his native that battle-field of seventy miles where Lee that serene, majestic face,—even Dull, of Stark, Oblo, for \$9,000.

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devotion to Virginia, and said: Turning, then, to the soldiership of Lee bered, and in a campaign of thirty-five days from first to last, we see his labors and exactness giving always the power to gain from | Union armies to abandon utterly his line of every means its utmost result. Thus, he so attack, to take a new position always open to pursued the sciences which underlie the sol- him but never chosen, and to exchange the dier's art that he entered the army fully warfare of the open field for the slow and equipped with all that theory could teach, safe approach of the earthwork and the and whilst yet a subaltern was more than once entrusted with tasks of the engineers' bureau which had baffled the skill of men far older and more experienced. The same his little army force enough to take once qualities were seen when he first entered more the offensive, to traverse once more the actual war. To us who look back across the familiar Valley, to break once more through field of a gigantic strife, of a struggle where not brigades nor divisions but great armies were the units, where States were fortified camps and a continent the battle-ground--to us that murch on Mexico seems as small as it is in fact far off in time and space. But small and great are relative, and the little istoms of the House that rises army of Scott which gathered on the sands of Vera Cruz was little in much the same sense as that other army of Cortez, whose footsteps it followed and whose

prowess it rivalled. In that campaign LEE'S SOLDIERSHIP first found fit field. It was he whose skill gave us the quick foothold at Vera Cruz. At Cerro Gordo and Contreras his was no mean part of the plan and its accomplishment. At the deadly blows; and the ragged remnant of the City of Mexico it was his soldier's eye Appomattox surrendered not to the valor or and soldier's heart which saw and dared skill of the men they had so often met and the dollar be reached. The stock amounts what Cortez had seen and dared before, to overcome, but to the men they had never turn the enemy's strongest position, and assault as well by the San Cosme as by the braggart Sheridan, but to the triumphant White vs. Hudgin was passed by by the Belen gateway-a movement greatly hazard- hosts of Rosecrans, of Thomas, and of Sherous, but, once executed, decisive. In the man. endless roll of wars that campaign of Mex have it printed. Mr. Hudgin has many ico must always remain to the judicious history will hold Lee to be a great soldiercritic masterly in conception and superb in wise in counsel, patient in preparation, execution. But to us it is memorable chiefly as the training-school whose pupils were to of hold, sullen in retreat, a true son of that

them all Robert E. Lee as the chosen sol-

The time was soon to come when he should try conclusions with many of that brilliant band, and prove himself the master of each There is no second term of comparison. He in turn, of McClellan, of Burnside, of Hooker, of Pope, of Meade, of Grant, of tions of a war where the railroad existed, but whomsoever could be found to lead them, the highway was not; where telegraphs conby the millions he confronted. When the war of secession began, you all remember to conceal armies; where concentration was how for a time Lee held subordinate place, possible at a speed unknown in war before, how for a time Lee held subordinate place, and how when what seemed chance gave but where concentration might easily starve him command of the forces defending Rich- itself before it could strike the enemy. mond from the hundred thousand men who could hear, if they would, the bells of our churches and almost the bum of our streetsyou all remember how the home-staying critic found fault with him, how he was described as a closet-soldier, and a handler of spade and mattock rather than of gun and power. To the integrity of his army-to the bayonet. Swift and sudden was the surprise when the great plan disclosed itself, and the fence of the South and Southwest was essenguns at the Meadow Bridges of Chickahominy cleared the way for the first of those mighty blows which sent McClellan in hopeless rout to the shelter of his shipping, thence to hurry as he might to the rescue of home guards in the defences of Washington.

CAMPAIGN OF THE SEVEN DAYS

bering his own by fifty thousand; to watch which Francis Bacon, of Verulam, made "to with a large detachment lest that army should future ages and other countries." [Apricksburg; to bring Jackson's skill and Jackson's devoted men to his aid; to cross a seeing that nothing less than the tribunal of ordered, That all papers belonging to the make a junction with the divisions at Frede- plause.] marshy and often impracticable stream; to mankind can judge this man, who was born United States District Court in the hands of attack McClellan on his flank and to roll up not for a period, but for all time; not for a attorneys at law, whether in the hands of his army like a scroll, whilst at each step country, but for the world; not for a people, said attorneys by order of court or otherdider of the trip to Richmond was very gained his enemy should be weaker and him- but for the human race. recably yent, and after reaching the sybarf self be stronger and in stronger position, yet party proceeded to Ford's Hotel, where at the same time to guard lest his enemy rise; not for him columns of Victory, telling, directed to report the names of attorneys number of citizens and members of the the Russians on Austerlitz field. Such was out tale of tears and blood which grins from the problem. You know, all the world the skull pyramids of Dahomey. Not to his knows, its execution. Despite the errors of honor shall extorted tributes carve the shaft the city to various points of interest, and to- subordinates; despite the skill of his oppo- or mould the statue; but this day a grateful following business was transacted: nent, a soldier truly great in defence; despite people give of their poverty gladly that in the rawness of many of his troops; despite pure marble or time-defying bronze, future with violation of the State revenue laws in that great republican principle "the right The Friday they will continue their sight seems, and at night there will be a reception in the Masonic lodge-room at St. Alban's hill, when the presentation of the soveraire will take place; after which there will be a burglet in the spaclous hall i clow the lodge.

(Argapeare And Onto Rairgoad.—Judge)

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ter, its self-reliance, its vigor of execution, and its astonishing results, may be safely compared with the best campaigns of the greatest masters in the art of war-with Frederick's Leuthen, to which it bears as much likeness as a campaign of days can bear to a battle of hours, or with that greater feat, the amazing concentration by Washington of contingents from New York and from North Carolina, of new levies from the Virginia Valley, and of a French fleet from the West Indies, to besiege and capture the army of Cornwallis.

It is argued that Lee was strong only in defence, and was averse to taking death taught us that manner, to the number of several hundred the offensive. Nothing could be more false. gathered together at Assembly Hall at 12 He was to prove in the last year of the war o'clock yesterday and took part in a meet- his fertility of defensive resource and his

HIS GENIUS WAS AGGRESSIVE. Richmond to the Rapidan, whilst McClel-Witness the audacity of detaching Jackson from the Rapidan line to seize Manassas Junction and the road to Washington in Pope's rear. Witness the magnificent swoop on Harper's Ferry, of which accident gave to McClellan the knowledge and by which timidity forbade him to profit. Witness that around what Hooker called "the best posttion in America, held by the best army on the planer." Witness his invasion of Pennsylvania, a campaign whose only fault was the generous fault of over-confidence in an army whose great deeds might, if anything, excuse it; an over-confidence, as you sir know, felt by every man he led, and which made us reckless of all difficulties, ready to think that to us nothing was impossible. He was a commander who had met no equal; we wereen army who saw in half the guns bore upon our flags the blizon of consistent victory. If he and we confided in our daring and trusted to downright fighting for shall blame us and which shall blame the other? It was a fault, if fault there were, such as in a soldier leans to virtue's side; it was the fault of Marlbrook at Malplaquet, of Great Frederic at Torgau, of Napoleon at Borodino. It is the famous fault of the column of Fontenoy, and the generous baste which led Hampden to his death. [Applause.] Lee chose no defensive of his own will. None knew better than he that axiom of

THE MILITARY ART

which tells us the logical end of defence is surrender. None knew better than he that Fablus had never earned his fame by the policy some attribute to him, nor saved his country by retreats, however regular, nor the skill, however great, to choose positions only to abandon them. The defensive was not his chosen field. But he was fated to conduct a defensive campaign rivalled by few and surpassed by none in history. Of that wonder- ital, it might repose forever. ful work the details are yet to be gathered. And so, I doubt not, it ve but the outlines are known the world over. The tremendous onset of Lee in the tangled Wilderness upon an enemy with three times his force, who fancied him retreating; the grim wrestle of Spotsylvania; the terrible repulse of Cold Harbor, from which the to-day has prophesied, a monument to his veteran commanders of Grant shrank back name not unworthy the companionship of aghast. These great actions will be known qualities and spotless life, and of his uncovered front, killed, wounded, and cap- bronze and drink high inspiration as they tured more men than his own army num-

siege. [Applause.] They will read, too, that in the midst of this campaign Lee was bold to spare from the gate of the Potomac and to insult with the fires of his bivouacs the capital city of his enemy. Reading these things, they will refuse to believe, what we know, that men were found here and now to call this marvellous campaign a retreat.

The truth is that Lee took a real defensive, if at all, only in the

TRENCHES OF PETERSBURG :

was driven to that defensive not by one army, nor by many armies in succession, but by the combined force of the armies in his front and in his rear. Vicksburg it was, not Cemetery Hill, which laffled the Army of Northern Virginia. At Nashville and at Atlanta, not from the lines of Petersburg, came the deadly blows; and the ragged remnant of seen, and yielded not to tenacious Grant nor

It is not hard, then, my friends, to see that swift in decision, terrible in onset, tenacious ply their art on a wider scale to ends more Berserker race that rushed from the bosom terrible, and Winfield Scott selected from of Europe's darkest age, furious in fight, and lovers of battle, but destined to sweep away the old world and to mould the modern.

Rightly to estimate his power as com mander is not and may never be possible. was in a position as novel as were the condiveyed orders, yet primeval forests still stood

Strange as the material were the mora conditions of Lee's command. He was-hampered by political considerations; he was trammelled by the supreme importance of one city; and, above all, on him was complete responsibility, but never commensurate morale of half his force-the successful de-

TURNED THE ISSUE

write no histories, yet, as the world grows enough, it is omitted on this occasion "by older, history grows more and more a judge, special request." less and less a witness and advocate; more is itself fame. To amuse an army outnum- and more to every cause that appeal lies open,

Not for him shall the Arch of Triumph office of said court; and the clerk is hereby

would say on the occasion would be like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Mayor Kelley said: I bave been asked, ladies and gentlemen to discharge the formal though scarce needed service of closing with some farewell words this impressive albeit impromptu ceremony. To every heart in this assemblage must spring the question that knocks for utterance at mine, What need can there be now and here-if, indeed, there evermore be nced-for words of praise of that consummate character whose birth, nine and sixty years ago, we are here to honor-whose

"The cease of majesty
Dies not alone; but, like a gulf, doth draw
What's near it with it"? When genius, profound and subtle, devotes itself to the mere mimicry of a noble nature, and in its brief stage-hour assumes

GARB OF GREATNESS

and wears it worthily, we stand uncovered in its presence, yielding the tribute of tumultuous applause, or the deeper homage of reverent, absorbed, and silent praise. But here was no counterfeit of kingliness, but the very form and essence, the substance and the spirit of such

ASSURED MAJESTY as for the encouragement of effort and the despair of emulation rarely comes upon the earth-such moderation in triumph, such fortitude in disaster, such self-denial in conquest, such splendid patience in delay, such courage, and skill, and wisdom, and modesty, and truth, and sovereign dignity What fitting things can I or any man say of Lee? [Applause]

When the best men die, the wisest and worthiest, the utmost license of offection is strained when we affirm that in their lives were aptly illustrated the courage and kindliness, the wisdom and the worth, which are the chief jewels of character. But who is there here who recalls that gloomy October day, five years ago, which brought the sad knell of Lee's death from the sighing mountains that guarded his home; who does not remember how his heart swelled with the feeling that it was not a type of chivalry, and manliness, and virtue tout had fallen, but that CHIVALRY ITSELF

was dead, and honor, and patriotism, and faith, and heroism were dead-all lying dead in that compacted clay which once was Robert Lee?

Who does not remember how, amid his tears, the thought, unbidden, came: Renown and grace are dead.

The wine of life is drawn, and the mere cask Is left the vaults to brag of." In that hour the General Assembly invoked the Governor to proclaim a day of mourning; in that hour it dispatched its representatives to attend the closed coffin and the open tomb, and to ask in Virginia's name that the dust of her immortal son might be committed to her hands that in this, her cap-

And so, I doubt not, it yet shall be; and from the free offerings of a generous people there shall arise in enduring bronze, as his

distinguished lieutenant, OUR GALLANT GOVERNOR,

that which in yonder quare perpetuates the whose deeds were so great and whose life so lofty that the realms of Earth richest in fame The exercises were closed with prayer, offered by Rev Dr. J. William Jones, author

was Lee's neighbor and trusted friend. Collections-Military. Collections for the Lee Monument Fund were taken up in all the public schools of the city yesterday, and a considerable sum was

was paid in cash. The Walker Light Guard, Guard of the Commonwealth, and Company "F" intended to parade yesterday evening, but after assembling the heavy rain denied them the opportunity.

realized. The subscription lists at the drug-

stores received many names, and some money

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.-Morris Richards was fined one dollar for drunkenness and disorderly conduct in the First Market. Thaddeus Warner (colored) was sent to jail for thirty days on the charge of vagrancy. Martha Williams (colored) was sent to jail

for five days for assaulting and beating Mary George Cary and Albert Haskins (both colored), charged with assaulting and beating Dick Cheatham. Cary was fined five dollars and Haskins sent to jail for fifteen days.

Philip J. Lambert, a young man residing in this city, was up on a warrant sworn out by Miss E. T. Griffin, of Chester, Pa., charging bim with marrying her under a false name and afterwards deserting her. Lambert married Miss Griffia under the name of J. Lamkin, and after remaining one week with her deserted her and came to this city. The marriage certificate was produced in court. The name of J. Lamkin to be married to E. Terese Lamkin appeared thereon. Mrs. Lamkin explained that Lambert was drinky when they were married by the justice, and that probably the justice did not catch the name aright. That was a likely explanation, but did not show how it was ber name was inscribed upon the certificate wrong. As it appeared that no crime had been committed, Lambert was delivered into the custody of his wife, and the case stricken from the criminal records of the Police

Court. The young man who was arrested charged with attempting to set fire to a house on Eighth street was examined and discharged. It appeared that he had been on a spree, and perhaps did not know exactly what he was doing. His attempt was probably to light his pipe, but he struck or attempted to strike four matches to do it, and one of the matches he threw into a hole in the weather-boarding. The Police Justice admonished the tial, and on operations in which he had no father of the young man that unless he undertook to put some curb upon his son's frolics he (the Police Justice) would be compelled to put him under heavy bonds to be of his campaigns. Of these things account pelled to put him under heavy bonds to be will yet be taken, let us be sure of that; for of good behavior. As the young man's Pope's bewidered divisions, and to organize though in barbarous ages conquered peoples name has heretofore been in the papers often

ORDER OF COURT-ATTORNEYS, ATTENTION. The following order, which particularly concerns at orneys practicing in the United States District Court, was made by Judge

wise, be forthwith returned to the clerk's

MANCHESER HUSTINGS COURT- Judge Clopton presiding .- In this court yesterday the

GRAND JURY OF HENRICO COUNTY COURT .-The following is a list of the grand jury of the Henrico County Court drawn to serve for the next term of the court, commencing on the second Monday in February: R. A. J. Smith, Channing M. Robinson, William Rutherford, Berjimin W. Green, Jr., Robert A. Patferson, George W. Chamberlayne, Themas Johnston, William Y. Mordecai, Walter S. Edmunds, C. H. Balmer, A. S. Stoors, J. M. Fourqueran, Robert H. Kuhn, John H. Acree, Conrad Fietig, William J. Southward, Charles L. Bruce, Valentine Heckler, Jr., James W. Whitlocke, Daniel B. Jordan, John H. Goodman, Sedden P.

FIRE ALARM .- During the heavy rain at mif rast 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was turned in at Station 26. corner Fifth and Main streets, caused by a burning chimney at the corner of Fourth and Arch streets, Gamble's Hill.

Aikin, John K. Fussell, George K. Gilmer.

CITY COUNCIL.—An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held this evening at 5 c'clock. The new ordinance con cerning the Fire Department, the Water De partment ordinance, and the \$100,000 appropriation will be considered.

MR. JOHN H. SHIELDS was buried from the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning by Temple Lodge, No. 9, C. C. Baugh man master. There was a large number of persons present, and Dr. Preston preached an appropriate sermon.

last thirty days by Chaffin, Staples & Co.: City Property.—Lot of 26 feet on Bever-ley street between Temple and Washington streets for \$124.80. Lot of 34 feet on Temple street near Cary for \$136.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE made during the

Seven lots on Jacquelin street at \$180 each. Seven lots on Kemper street at \$180 each. Eight brick tenements on Cary street be ween Madison and Belvidere streets at 3,500 each.

Four brick tenements on Canal street, corner of Jefferson, at \$3,000 each. Country Property,-Farm of W. C. Dorett, in Powhatan county, near Mattoax, to George F. Leeds, of Iowa, for \$1,450. Farm known as "Barrateers," containing

72 acres, in Henrico county, to J. E. Schwartz, of Pennsylvania, for \$2,000. Farm known as "Lily Valley," containing 334 acres, in Henrico county, to J. E. Schwartz, for \$12,000. Farm known as "Longfield," in Henrico

county, containing 297 acres, to Robert R. Hill, for \$2,227.50. Farm known as "Millwood," in Powhatan county, containing 500 acres, belonging to Z. W. Pickrell, for \$10,000.

Farm known as "Red Lane," in Powha an county, belonging to Rev. R. N. Sledd containing 321 acres, for \$2,000.

Farm known as "Tower Hill," in Powha an county, containing 100 acres, for \$1,000 Farm known as "Turpin's," in Powhatar

county, containing 300 acres, for \$2,000. Farm known as "Oak Grove," in Dinwiddle county, containing 297 acres, for \$4,000. Farm known as "Locust Hill," in Ches-

terfield county, containing 103 acres, for \$400. Farm known as "Tallwood," in Bucking

RICHARD II -Judging by the past three nights, Mr. Booth's engagement here will be as profitable to Mr. Ford as it must prove cannot afford to renounce their heritage in flattering to the great tragedian. The audithe life and deeds of Lee. [Great applause.] ences have been large for a city of the population of Richmond, and have been composed offered by Rev Dr. J. William Jones, author of many of our best people,—the beauty and of the "Personal Reminiscences of General brilliancy of the city in fact—including the R. E. Lee," who was a chaplain in the army, members of the Legislature and other and after the war resided at Legislature and other and after the war resided at Lexington, and strangers within our gates. True art rarely passes unrecognized in Richmond. Though inferior dramatic enterprises may languish and die here, the great ones are invariably well patronized. Money seems to be as liberally poured out upon them as if we were in the hey-day of our prosperity. Society gets in a fever of excitement, and go the peo-ple must and will, though sometimes, maybe, the admission fee has to be taken from scanty hoard, to be replaced only by hard scuffling. Such actors as Booth do not come this way very ofter. When they do the desire to see them is irresistible, and the evidences of approbation are decidedly marked. Booth has satisfied the critics—even the critics who critic'ze the newspaper criticisms, and think all wit and wisdom are lodged in their own skulls. He has pleased those seeking real amusement. He has chased dull care from the legislative mind, and driven into temporary oblivion dog laws, funding bills, contested elections, and

tobacco inspections. He has given the ladies oppor unity to display their elegant dresses, costly laces, and pretty faces, and caused the dress-circle of the Theatre to appear every night a very galaxy of beauty. What is better, instruction has gone hand in hand with pleasure. Few come from his presence without having acquired some new light, or without having discovered excellences in the

authors he represents not seen before. All this and much more that need not be mentioned may be laid to the credit of his engagement. And those who are supporting him are not to be forgotten. His does not so dazzle the eyes of the spectators as to blind them to the fact that without the efficient aid he has his parts could not be so well played. It is undenlably true that a better stock company could be formed, but it is not likely that we will soon see such a one outside of New York.

Last night Othello was presented, with Booth as Iago, Mr. Warde as Othello, Mr. Rowe as Cassio, and Mrs. Pearce as Desdemona. Many competent judges assert that Iago is Booth's best character, and the performance of last night perhaps justifies the assertion, grand as were his conceptions of Hamlet and Richelieu. To night Richard II., which has reap-

peared in the Shakspearean revival and is perfectly new to most of us, will be played Great complaint is made by those occupy ing seats in the dress circle that young men who stand back of the row of seats talk loudly. Such behavior is not considerate, nor is it nice. It ought to be reformed alto

A NOVEL AND ATTRACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT N PROSPECT. - The ladies of the Grace Street Presbyterian church will give two grand concerts on the 3d and 4th of February. The programme foreshadows features of unusual interest and novelty. The ancient and modern periods will be represented by appropriate music and costumes. Some of the finest amateur talent of the the city has been secured, together with Kessnich's full orchestrs. The choruses will consist of fifty or sixty voices, and with such colossai, dignified conceptions as Mozart's Gloria from Twelfth Mass and Handel and Haydn's master-pieces we may well anticipate evenings of rare enjoyment,

The Proposed Amendment to Our

Editors of the Dispatch : It is only lately

through the proceedings of the City Council, that our citizens have heard anything of this proposed amendment to our charter, CHERAPEARE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Judge from the hills in sight of Richmond to a definite that Mr. Tyson will settle his accounts before him and retire from the receivership.

CHERAPEARE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Judge from the hills in sight of Richmond to a definite and Bornside Keg and Stove. West Virginia Spilate and Bornside Keg and Stove. West Virginia Spilate and Bornside Keg and Stove. West Virginia Spilate at St. Belling a watch from John C. Lipscomb.

Mayor Kelley's Speech.

Governor Kemper introduced Mayor Kelley in handsome terms, calling him a silvery-long that what he benefit of the comparing for its addactly, its wide combination three back his enemy from the hills in sight of Richmond to a definition of steam and smiths' asc; Clover United at St. Belling a watch from John C. Lipscomb.

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one of our representatives, if I remember correctly, to exempt from city tax the stock of banks held by non-residents. It, too, was passed burriedly, before hardly any one was aware of it. The next year, of course, it was very promptly and justly repealed. Now, this amendment, Messrs. Editors, may be a yery good one, but I should think its provisions ought to be closely examined and criticised by our citizens, and our representatives should afford them this chance before baying it acted upon. I hold it is due them. With the question whether the Council of the city has been treated properly under the circumstances or not, or whether it is neces sary to place close restrictions and limits upon their acts, I have nothing to do; but I simply would like to have some open expressions of opinion and di-cussion about the merits of this amendment, particularly when it strikes me that this very weapon o which you intend to deprive the majority is

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very dangerous one. Are there no other and better safe-guards, even without this constant legislative tinkering at our charter? Cannot those good and sound legal heads in the Council suggest something better and more conservative for the same purpose? We do not mean to discuss the expediency or necessity of this smendment here, but we think it would be well to adopt some settled and properly restrictive mode of legislation in this respect particularly. Yours.

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